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Plant

Dear Customer:-

April 14, 1941

We are always being surprised by you. It's pleasant, but puzzling sometimes. For instance, this year we did not make up a special page of Novelties and felt that, more or less buried through the book, sales would not be heavy-- but they were! So you'll know what is still available we have made a report on sales on the first inside page of this letter.

Then, a surprise the other way! A few very special bargains we thought would be gone in a week or two--sales were fairly heavy, but there are some left. Still a chance to get more than your dollar's worth. We're reporting on these on the second page inside.

One thing was no surprise--small evergreens are scarce and getting scarcer. If you want any, better order soon. You'll find some on the back page of this letter.

sincerely yours

KELSEY NURSERY SERVICE

L. E. Manning
president

PS: About the Short Guide this year--we want to thank hundreds of you (351 to be precise) who took the time to write us last April when we asked for suggestions. We used many of the ideas presented in this year's (1941) Short Guide. We hope to still further improve it next year. Any suggestions?

REPORT on our NOVELTIES

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GABLE'S HARDY HYBRID AZALEAS

1-year size- Still plenty of mixed colors \$4. for 10; \$35.(100)

* Sold out of: Cherokee, Chinook, LaLumiere and Mildred Mae.
Still available: The other six kinds listed.(5 for \$3.)

2-year size- Still plenty of mixed colors \$7.50 (10); \$60.(100)

* Sold out of: Caroline Gable.
Still available: The other three kinds listed.(5 for \$5.)

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HYBRID RHODODENDRONS (from cuttings)

1 year, 4 to 10 inch X --Badly sold out.

* Sold out of: Album elegans, Album grandiflorum, Caractacus,
Catawbiense grandiflorum, Giganteum, Ignatius
Sargent.

Still available: Roseum elegans.(5 for \$3.75).

1 year grafts

All kinds listed in good supply. (5 for \$6.)

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MAGNOLIA STELLATA WATERLILY

Plenty left of this magnificent new hardy small shrubby tree.
Sold well so far, but we had a large stock.

(8 inch B&B \$1.75) (15 inch B&B \$2.75) (18 inch B&B \$4.50)

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ABELIA EDWARD GOUCHER

Still a good quantity left. Nice 6 to 12 inch twice transplant-
ed little clumps 5 for \$3.50. (A sensational sight in late
summer and autumn--four solid months of bright pink bloom).

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VIBURNUM BURKWOODI

Also still in fair quantity. Not generally realized that
though this is very like Viburnum Carlesii, it blooms at
a younger age and is evergreen. (18 inch B&B \$3. each).

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WISTERIA PRAECOX

The only wisteria known to be really precocious in blooming
at a young age (hence the name Praecox). If you've waited
years for Wisteria blooms--even the best grafted plants of
old kinds--you will want a few of this. (2-year grafts \$2.)
Still a good supply, though selling heavily.

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LABURNUM VOSSI

When we started pushing this six years ago it was little
known. Now it is coming into its own and selling enormously.

* Sold out of: 12 to 18 inches (Have all other sizes still)

REPORT on our BARGAINS

page

They've sold well, yes, but the values are such that we expected to be sold out the first few weeks. Still a fair quantity left.

20, UPRIGHT JAPANESE YEW (Taxus Capitata) (f.o.b. New Jersey)
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The two sizes below are 7 and 8 years old, three times transplanted, sheared and as heavy as plants of this height can be. Ordinary 12 to 15 inch transplants often sold with B&B are 4 or perhaps 5 years old. You can see what a difference the extra 3 or 4 years makes!

12 to 15 inch XXX \$7.(10) \$55.(100)
15 to 18 inch XXX \$9.50 (10) \$75.(100)

Both sizes still available, several hundred of each !

5, BLIGHT-RESISTANT CHINESE CHESTNUT (fob New Jersey)
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A few hundred still left of these stocky little transplanted trees--at prices below those often offered for seedlings untransplanted !

12 to 15 inch X \$35. (100) --5 plants postpaid for \$3.
2 to 3 feet X \$60. (100) --5 plants postpaid for \$5.

Small sweet nuts, just like our dying native used to have.

17 OUR SPECIAL DOZEN ROSES (\$3.95 postpaid)

Sold out entirely. Late April and May roses should be potted, anyway. Besides the special potted offers in the catalog, we can furnish most named kinds of Hybrid Teas, 2 year No.1, field grown, carefully potted up for late shipments at 90 cents each, a dozen (either 6 or 12 at dozen rate) for \$10.

37 BARGAINS IN LARGER TREES

Still quite a number left in the best values:

<u>Maples- (acer)</u>	(10)(100)	<u>Oak- (quercus)</u>	(10)(100)
Red (rubrum) 4. to 6	\$5. \$35.	White (alba) 4 to 5	\$5. \$35.
6 to 8	8. 65.	Pin(palustris) 4 to 6	60.
Sugar(sacc.) 4 to 6	5. 35.	Red(rubra) 5 to 6 ft.	10. 85.
6 to 8	8. 35.		
		<u>Birch (betula)</u>	
<u>Dogwood (cornus)</u>		Paper 4 to 6 ft.	6. 45.
White(florigida) 4-5ft.	12. 100.	Populifolia 4 to 6	5. 35.

25 HUGE HYBRID BLUEBERRIES

We admit that we had a large supply, and also that sales have been large. But 4 year, blooming size 18 to 24 inch are such a good value we're surprised any are left !

Only a thousand or two left in some sizes. Ship until May 10.

Young Coniferous Evergreen Trees

"S" indicates seedlings not transplanted.
"X" indicates each transplanting.

(25) (100) (1000)

ABIES (Fir)

—balsamea (Balsam Fir) clean odor and stately appearance. Ideal evergreen for wet land. Popular variety for Christmas trees.			
	(25)	(100)	(1000)
2-yr. S 2-4 in.	\$ 3.00	\$ 20.00	
6 to 8 in. S.	5.00	35.00	
SOLD 6 to 8 in. X.	4.00	11.00	80.00
—brachyphylla (Nikko Fir)			
4 to 6 in. S.	5.00	40.00	
—concolor (White Fir)			
6 to 8 in. S.	6.00	50.00	
6 to 8 in. X.	9.00	60.00	
—veitchii (Veitch Fir)			
4 to 6 in. S.	6.00	40.00	
8 to 12 in. X.	6.00	20.00	180.00

CHAMAECYPARIS (Japanese Cypress)

—filifera (Thread Cypress)			
6 to 8 in. X.	4.50	16.00	150.00
8 to 10 in. X.	5.50	20.00	190.00
—filifera aurea (Golden)			
4 to 6 in. X.	4.00	13.00	120.00
—pisifera (Sawara Cypress)			
8 to 10 in. X.	5.00	18.00	170.00
—pisifera aurea (Golden Cypress)			
6 to 8 in. X.	4.50	16.00	150.00
10 to 12 in. X.	6.50	24.00	230.00
—plumosa (Plumed Cypress)			
6 to 8 in. X.	4.50	16.00	150.00
10 to 12 in. X.	6.50	24.00	230.00
—plumosa aurea (Gold Pume)			
6 to 8 in. X.	4.50	16.00	150.00
12 to 15 in. XX.	7.00	25.00	240.00

JUNIPERUS (Junipers)

—pfitzeriana (Pfitzers J.)			
6 to 8 in. X.	4.50	16.00	150.00
8 to 10 in. X.	5.50	20.00	190.00
12 to 15 in. X.	8.00	30.00	290.00
—sabina (Savin J.)			
6 to 8 in. X.	4.50	16.00	150.00
10 to 12 in. X.	6.25	24.00	220.00
—virginiana (Red Cedar)			
6 to 8 in. S.	6.50	50.00	
12 to 18 in. XX.	5.00	16.00	140.00

LARIX (Larch)

—European Larch (Europa)			
8 to 18 in. X.	7.00	45.00	
18 to 30 in. X.	11.00	75.00	

PICEA (Spruce)

—alba (White Spruce)			
5 to 10 in. X.	\$ 7.00	\$ 35.00	
9 to 12 in. X.	\$3.00	8.00	70.00
12 to 15 in. XX.	8.50	30.00	240.00
—canadensis (Black Hills Spruce)			
4 to 10 in. X.	3.00	8.00	50.00
—englemanni (Englemann's Blue)			
3 to 5 in. X.	6.00	40.00	
—excelsa (Norway Spruce)			
This variety will thrive in dense shade and succeeds in heavy, damp soil.			
6 to 8 in. S.	16.00		
SOLD 8 to 10 in. S.	5.50	22.00	
6 to 8 in. X.	6.00	40.00	
8 to 12 in. XX.	4.00	11.00	80.00
12 to 15 in. XX.	5.00	15.00	130.00
—pungens (Colorado Blue Spruce)			
This species varies in color from blue to green. The ultimate color of these trees cannot be determined until they reach a height of 2 or 3 feet.			
3 to 6 in. X.	3.00	7.50	50.00
8 to 10 in. X.	4.50	13.00	100.00
12 to 18 in. XX.	6.00	15.00	125.00

PINUS (Pine)

—mughus (Mugho Pine)			
4 to 6 in. X.	8.00	55.00	
6 to 8 in. X.	3.50	12.00	95.00
—nigra (Austrian Pine)			
Hardy, fast growing, much used as a windbreak in estates near the ocean.			
6 to 12 in. S.	4.00	30.00	
SOLD 6 to 12 in. X.	2.50	8.50	44.00
12 to 15 in. XX.	5.00	13.00	100.00
—resinosa (Norway Red Pine)			
3 to 5 in. X.	22.00	
6 to 12 in. X.	5.00	30.00	
10 to 24 in. X.	7.50	45.00	
12 to 18 in. XX.	6.00	15.00	120.00
—sylvestris (Scotch Pine)			
The variety par excellence for poor soils—even dry sand wastes.			
4 to 6 in. S.	15.00	
8 to 14 in. X.	7.50	35.00	
16 to 24 in. X.	9.00	45.00	
10 to 18 in. XX.	5.00	10.00	55.00
—thunbergii (Jap. Black Pine)			
8 to 16 in. S.	6.75	35.00	
SOLD 18 to 24 in. X.	6.00	18.00

PSEUDOTSUGA (Douglas Fir)

—taxifolia (Douglas Fir)			
One of the most beautiful conifers, yet easy to grow and valuable also for timber and as a Christmas tree.			
2 to 5 in. X.	6.00	30.00	
4 to 8 in. X.	7.00	40.00	
8 to 10 in. XX.	6.00	15.00	90.00
10 to 18 in. XX.	6.00	17.50	110.00

TAXUS (Yew)

—canadensis (Canadian Yew)			
6 to 8 in. X.	\$4.00	\$12.00	\$110.00
10 to 12 in. X.	6.50	25.00	230.00
—capitata (Upright Yew)			
SOLD 6 to 8 in. S.	7.00	50.00	
4 to 6 in. X.	14.00	125.00	
6 to 8 in. X.	5.00	18.00	155.00
8 to 10 in. X.	6.00	22.00	190.00
12 to 15 in. XXX.	16.25	55.00	540.00
15 to 18 in. XXX.	22.50	75.00	740.00
—cuspidata (Spreading Jap. Yew)			
4 to 6 in. X.	4.00	13.50	120.00
6 to 8 in. X.	5.00	17.00	160.00
10 to 12 in. X.	7.50	26.00	230.00
—cusp. brevifolia (Nana) Dwarf Jap. Yew			
6 to 8 in. R.C.	4.50	17.50	160.00
6 to 8 in. X.	7.00	25.50	220.00
—media Hicksii (Hick's Yew)			
4 to 6 in. X.	15.00	140.00	
6 to 8 in. X.	5.50	19.00	180.00
12 to 15 in. X.	12.00	42.00	395.00
—media Kelseyi (Kelsey's Yew)			
4 to 6 in. X.	6.00	21.00	195.00
8 to 10 in. X.	11.00	40.00	375.00

THUJA (Arborvitae)

—occidentalis (American A. or White Cedar)			
6 to 8 in. S.	5.00	30.00	
4 to 8 in. X.	7.00	45.00	
10 to 16 in. XX.	5.00	15.00	75.00

TSUGA (Hemlock)

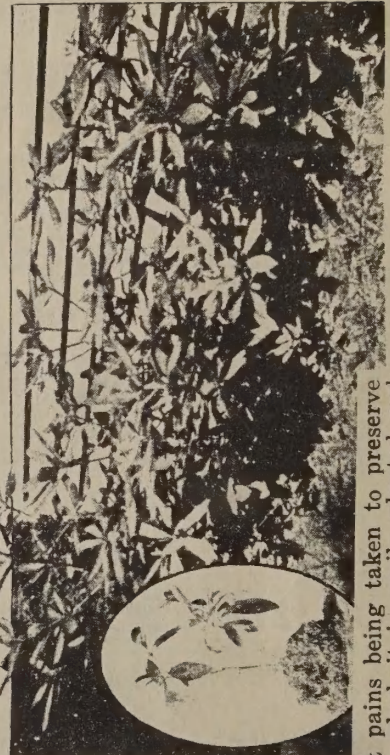
—canadensis (American Hemlock)			
6 to 9 in. S.	2.00	8.00	40.00
6 to 8 in. X.	14.50	100.00	
8 to 10 in. X.	6.00	17.00	160.00
12 to 15 in. (ball)	8.00	28.00	240.00
12 to 15 in. XX.	10.00	37.00	290.00

Still plenty of these - fine plants. Ship until May 1.
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Young Native Aristocrats

SIZE I: As small as ships safely. 12 to 15 Inches 1 to 3 Stems

	(10)	(25)	(100)	
Rhododendron maximum	4.25	8.00	20.00	This special "Young Aristocrat" grade measures 12 to 15 inches with a small ball, weighing one or two pounds only. This stock is not to be compared for a minute with ordinary collected plants. It is on the contrary all carefully dug, the greatest pains being taken to preserve the roots. Carefully packed, it is easily planted and makes a quick start. Shipped from North Carolina, yet express runs only about 6c each (in 100 lots).
carolina	5.50	9.00	33.00	
catawbiense	5.50	9.00	33.00	
Azaleas				
Calendulacea	\$5.50	\$9.00	\$33.00	
arborescens	5.50	11.00	38.50	
viscosa	5.50	9.00	33.00	
Nudiflora	5.80	9.00	33.00	
Leucothoe				
catesbaei	5.00	8.25	30.00	
Kalmia (Mountain Laurel)				
latifolia	4.75	8.00	30.00	



(Photo): Size 1 Rhododendron 3 Years After (Insert): Kalmia, Size 1, As It Arrives